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SUBJECT: MAJOR SAUDI MILITARY GRANT AID FOR SUDAN REVEALED

REF: KHARTOUM 1248

1. QUOTING "AUTHORIZED SOURCE", JUNE 2 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AL AYYAM STATES THAT SAGCQAS PRESENTED TO SUDANESE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (PAF) "A LARGE FINANCIAL DONATION TO BE USED IN STRENGTHENING THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF THE SUDANESE ARMY." DONATION CHARACTERIZED BY SOURCE AS "INDICATION OF DEEP SUDANESE/SAUDI RELATIONS IN ALL FIELDS OF BROTHERLY COOPERATION" AS WELL AS REFLECTION "EARNEST FEELINGS OF COHESION BETWEEN SUDANESE PAF AND SISTERLY SAUDI ARMED FORCES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR ETERNAL MISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE ARAB NATION."

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING STORY, WHICH PROBABLY ORIGINATED WITH MINSTATE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS DR. BAHA AL-DIN AL-IDRIS (WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING NEGOTS FOR GOS), CONSTITUTES FIRST PUBLIC CONFIRMATION HERE OF \$230 MILLION GRANT REPORTED REFTEL. WE UNDERSTAND MAIN PROVISIONS REMAIN AS REPORTED THEREIN. NO DEUTZ VEHICLES WERE FEATURED IN MAY 25
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PARADE BECAUSE SPECIMENTS WERE DELAYED IN PORT
SUDAN. IT ALSO APPEARS THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT NO

DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS DONATION BY NIMEIRI. WE SUSPECT THIS LOW-KEY APPROACH TO DEAL HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY STIPULATED BY SAG (PERHAPS AS RESULT MISLEADING PUBLICITY WHICH ATTENDED ANNOUNCEMENT \$200 MILLION SAMA GUARANTEE IN JANUARY, 1974). THIS CONNECTION, TRIAD'S ADNAN KHASHOGGI, WHOSE SUDKESE SUBSIDIARY IS DEUTZ AGENT HERE, SAW NIMEIRI MAY 31 PRESUMABLY TO WRAP UP DEAL.

3. WE SHARE JIDDA'S VIEW RE IMPLAUSIBILITY THAT ABOVE DEAL IS ASSOCIATED IN SAUDI MINDS WITH SOME USE IN EXTREMIS OF PAF IN SAUDI INTERIOR EQUATION (PARA 5, JIDDA 3812). SOURCE FOR THIS SPECULATION NOW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DR. BAH ALJEIDRIS HIMSELF, WHO IS EBULLIENT AND UNRELIABLE ON MATTERS OUTSIDE HIS IMMEDIATE PROVINCE. WE SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE BEEN EMBELLISHING THIS ASPECT OF THE TRANSACTION ON BASIS SOME CHANCE OR EVEN JOCLAR REMARK BY FAHD OR SULTAN. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE, HOWEVER, ELEMENT OF BILATERAL RECIPROCITY WHICH IS CLEARLY IMPLIED IN AL AYYAM STATEMENT. BREWER

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